



**Chicago Housing Authority  
Board of Commissioners Public Session  
March 17, 2015  
CHA Corporate Office – 60 E. Van Buren**

|   | Name           | Question/Comment   | Response  |
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| 1 | Paul McKinley  | <p>1) That was an excellent video but I do have a gripe, me and Joseph Watkins were there and some residents that lived there helped save the building. The man who the building is named after built 500 schools in the south for African Americans, a lot of people don't know that black folks had relationships with Jews back then because they were Holocaust survivors and blacks are Jim Crow survivors. So there was an agreement between the communities to save the building.</p> <p>2) Also, the Section 3 goals are not a part of the development of this building. We're asking that the Rosenwald be stopped, they have no Section 3 businesses and the Alderman gave us an application saying we must be union, which violates CHA laws. You don't have to be union to be Section 3. These are violations of Section 3. You can't allow this to go forward. This administration must halt the project.</p> | <p>1) Your comment has been received.</p> <p>2) The Section 3 requirements have been established for the Rosenwald Courts and Flats Project. The Prime Contractor has met the minimum Section 3 Business Concern subcontracting requirement with a goal of 10.22% of the overall contract.</p> <p>In addition, Section 3 Residents and Business Concerns are not required to have union affiliations to participate in Section 3 Hiring and Subcontracting opportunities with CHA. However, in the Rosenwald mixed finance transaction involving multiple funding sources, including City of Chicago Funding, City requirements of union affiliation to work on this specific project site are applicable. HUD has recently released newly proposed Section 3 language in collective bargaining and/or project labor agreements, which should address this issue.</p> |
| 2 | Cheryl Johnson | <p>1) I am here to speak on behalf of Altgeld Gardens concerning the Agreement with BPI. We have a right to know what the outcome is. I am interested, will there be a legal settlement on behalf of the MOU with BPI? As a representative of the community, we have never been engaged, this is like plantation days.</p> <p>2) I want to talk about the Section 3 opportunities that will be coming to my community, I hope that my organization People for Community Recovery will be engaged, we have a 35 year history working in this community. My organization has been ignored. The law says I have a right to be engaged in economic opportunities in my community. No more nepotism or favoritism should be happening in a government agency.</p>   | <p>1) Under the Agreement, CHA is able to proceed with rehabilitation of Blocks 7 and 8.</p> <p>2) Your comment has been received.</p>  |

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| 3 | Tamiko Holt    | <p>1) I missed the video but I bet it was nice and quaint. I read the response you gave me last month concerning the Rosenwald, and it was pretty nice and it was the same rhetoric that we are always getting, but I will bring you up to speed. Look at their applications when they did the outreach for businesses, you don't see anything being mentioned about trying to see what Section 3 businesses are in the area. Is CHA making sure that the money they are putting into this project is being used towards their interests or is that them putting it in to demo and they spend the money there and they don't have to meet requirements when they start building? The contractors know the grey areas. Are they putting that money in the demo? That is not hiring a bunch of people or contracting Section 3 businesses, Section 3 businesses are not versed in that area.</p> <p>2) As far as BPI, I notice BPI is in Section 8 business. Geatreux might have been needed, but we don't need them in our business anymore. We don't need them breaking up our communities anymore.</p> | <p>1) The prime vendor for the Rosenwald Courts and Flats project has included the full scope of work (both demolition and rehabilitation) in the development of their Section 3 utilization plan. It should also be noted that the demolition of Rosenwald is the first portion of the project's scope, with the rehabilitation portion to follow, which would also include Section 3 participation.</p> <p>2) Your comment has been received.</p>   |
| 4 | Joseph Watkins | <p>I have a complaint against CHA and it's agents at the Rosenwald including Alderman Dowell and others. They have continued to violate Section 3. To the greatest extent feasible, people in charge of Rosenwald have not reached out to the original Section 3 residents. If it wasn't for our group there would be no Rosenwald. The Alderman should not be in charge of who is selected for this project. None of the indigenous people are at the table. There is too much suffering going on for these people to fall out of the sky and take our work. What are you doing to help the original indigenous Section 3 population?</p>  | <p>The Section 3 hiring commitments for the Rosenwald Courts and Flats project are being fulfilled through CHA's Section 3 Job Opportunities website. The site requires the self-certification of all applicants and verifies the Section 3 status of each applicant to ensure individuals are selected in preference tier order. This is in accordance with CHA's Section 3 Policy:</p> <p><i>"A Prime Contractor must utilize CHA's hiring system in order to fill any open Section 3 positions. The hiring system will automatically filter applicants to the Prime Contractor in order of preference, per HUD and this policy. The Prime Contractor, and any Subcontractors with a Section 3 hiring commitment, must complete their job posting through CHA's online hiring system. All new hires will be tracked through CHA's online hiring system and all new hires must be secured using this online system, which is used to assist the CHA to connect qualified applicants with Prime Contractors and Subcontractors."</i></p> <p>In addition, CHA has conducted extensive outreach to the Section 3 community at large to encourage their use of the Job Opportunities website. The CHA has conducted in-person trainings at various CHA developments to aide applicants in using the system and worked in tandem with the LAC and CAC to ensure that their constituents received training and assistance with the system.</p> |

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| 5 | William Word | I am with Hood Construction, a Section 3 business. I hear what everyone says about the problems, but I have to congratulate CHA because you have stepped up and you helped us, and we appreciate that, but still a lot needs to be done. I look forward to being a part of the Rosenwald contract. There still needs to be considerations for the Section 3 business entities. | Thank you for your comment. |
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